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| **Mr. Lynch’s Science Classroom Newsletter 2024-25**  **Communication: Email:** [**lynchj@gcsnc.com**](mailto:lynchj@gcsnc.com) **Phone: 336-605-3333 Remind: remid.com/join/lynch2025** | | |
| **Units of Study**  ESS.8.1: Earth’s Place in the Universe (earth history)  LS.8.3: Biological Evolution  ESS.8.2: Earth’s systems (hydrosphere)  ESS.8.3: Earth and Human Activity (water quality)  LS.8.2: Ecosystems  LS.8.1: Molecules to Organisms (bio)  PS.8.1: Matter and it’s interactions  ESS.8.4: Earth and Human Activity (energy)  This year in science we will continue to investigate the world around us. We will do this through observing, inquiring, investigating, and experimenting.  **You will have an 8th Grade Science EOG!** | **Current Events**  Current Events will be assigned and collected **every 3 weeks**. Students will receive a separate requirement form and rubric specifying the guidelines and write-ups for each science related article.  **Science Journals**  Journals will be written in at the start of each science class. It will contain lesson warm-ups and daily reflections. **Daily journal entries should be labeled with the journal number, EQ, and date.** There will be a journal check for each Unit. Journals will provide a study guide of the entire year for EOG review. | **Grading Scale**  A 100-90  B 89-80  C 79-70  D 69-60  F 59-0  Not turning in your own work, copying, and/or cheating will result in the score of a “0” for both the person copying and the student allowing the other student to copy.  **Tardy/Late Policy/Behavior Plan**  Offense 1 and 2: student conference  Offense 3-5: silent lunch/parent email  Offense 6: Office Referral  Will reset each quarter |
| **Materials and Supplies:**   * Notebook * Pencils * Loose leaf paper * Folder (for papers) * **Index cards 3x5** * **Colored pencils** * Good attitudes * One card ID   Students are expected to fully charge their device at home **every** night.   **Class Rules**  1.) Respect the room 2.) Remain seated 3.) Be quiet 4.) Complete assignments  5.) Move with a purpose  (to sharpen a pencil, get a tissue etc.)  6.) Stay in your lane  No Phones/Air Pods should be out.  On test and quiz days students will put their phones in the phone caddie next to my desk until the end of class**. Failure to comply will result with phone turned into office**. Phones will be placed in caddie while at the bathroom as well. | **Make up work** Students that are absent have 3 days to submit assignments before the assignments are considered “late”. Most assignments can be accessed through Canvas and completed asynchronously (even when they are absent).  **Late work** As 8th graders you should be responsible and mature learners. Therefore, it is very important that you learn to meet deadlines set by the teacher. Homework and classwork assignments are due on the assigned due date. Each day late will lose one letter grade. All assignments will close 10 days after due date. No late credit will be given after the 10th day.  **If you are absent, you are responsible to check canvas for making up work missed**. | **Grading Category Weights**  Test/Projects 35%  Quizzes/Labs 25%  Current Events 15%  HW/CW 25%  Total 100%  **Tests and Quizzes:**  **We will have a test or a quiz once a week (usually on Fridays). On test and quiz days students will put their phones in the phone caddie next to my desk until the end of class. Failure to comply will result with phone turned into office.**  **PowerSchool** PowerSchool is where you will see an accurate Grade for your student.  While most assignments are graded through Canvas, all grades are through PowerSchool.  **Canvas**  All assignments and weekly lesson plans are posted on Canvas. Please check daily to see assignments, directions, links, and information about each day’s lesson.  \*If you are absent this is where you see what was missed. |